

SENATE RESOLUTION 216

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A RESOLUTION to express support of a world-class public education system for Tennessee and expectations that teachers, parents, and students must all pursue excellence to achieve that goal.

WHEREAS, every American understands that a strong democracy is predicated on the necessity of quality public education for all and that the education of our youth must be a priority for Tennessee to continue to prosper and compete in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the "Tennessee First to the Top Act of 2010," Chapter 2 of the Public Acts of 2010 (First Extraordinary Session), as proposed by Governor Phil Bredesen and overwhelmingly approved and enacted by the Tennessee General Assembly, the members of this legislature have boldly declared their support for quality public education and accountability in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is truly fortunate to have a multitude of outstanding teachers who have distinguished themselves as professionals of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity and who understand the vital part they play in the future of this great State and this Nation as they prepare our youth to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, teachers hold in their hands the clay that will be molded and shaped into the leaders of tomorrow; each such child reached by a teacher in a positive way becomes a multiplier, giving back many times over the skills learned through education to our society; and

WHEREAS, by enacting such an innovative and comprehensive education reform plan, the members of this body now challenge the teachers of Tennessee to redouble their best efforts and provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, with its actions, has shown the parents of Tennessee that a world-class education and the successful matriculation of every student through the use of a quality curriculum along with appropriate instruction, policies and procedures is Tennessee's goal and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body understand that raising a child in these troubling times has both its challenges and rewards, thus all parents and guardians of students must be called on and encouraged to work assiduously to motivate and aid their child to reach full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, undertaking such education reform efforts to benefit the students of Tennessee, the members of the General Assembly have sought to provide a quality education that will prepare Tennessee's children for life and the new global economy of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the action of the members of the General Assembly exhorts the students of Tennessee to rise to the challenge, to do their best and give their best; realizing that with an enthusiasm for learning, inspired by their teachers, and steadfast support, exhibited by their parents, they will attain knowledge and the courage to dream new dreams and the vision to see new horizons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the members of this body have, through their actions during the First Extraordinary Session of 2010, proclaimed that the State of Tennessee is committed to providing a quality, world-class public education to all its students and has high expectations for the hard work and effort that must be undertaken by its public school teachers, parents, and students to accomplish this goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.